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SUBJ :UK WARSHIPS TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA

1. NINE BRITISH WARSHIPS ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA NEXT WEEK TO HOLD JOINT NAVAL EXERCISES. FOLLOWING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT, CAPE AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPER, DIE BURGER WROTE STRONGLY-WORDED EDITORIAL AUGUST 23 ATTACKING BRITISH'POLITICAL SCHIZOPHRNIA OVER SOUTH AFRICA'.

2. DIE BURGER COMPARED OFFICIAL TREATMENT OF LIONS RUGBY TEAM BY THE BRITISH (FYI: UK DIPLOMATS WERE INSTRUCTED TO HAVE NO CONTACT WITH TEAM DURING ITS SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR. END FYI.) TO 'MASSIVE MILITARY EXERCISES IN VIEW OF JOINT THREATS FROM YOU-KNOW-WHO.' EDITORIAL SAID THAT UK TREATMENT SA AS A 'SKUNK' IN SPORTS TO 'SATISFY THE ANTIAPARTHEID FANATICS,' AND THAT 'MALICIOUSNESS' OF WILSON AND JOAN LESTER IS 'JUST MEANT TO DAMPEN THEIR APPETITE FOR REAL, EFFECTIVE ACTION'.

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